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## **Dan C. Johnson Award for Advocacy Excellence**

Dan C. Johnson changed the landscape for people with disabilities in Wisconsin. Dan was a man of great strength with an unwavering commitment to full inclusion in all aspects of life for people with disabilities. As a person with a disability, he had a keen, first-person insight into the nature of barriers confronting people with disabilities and helped develop strategies to reduce them. Dan developed services in the private sector and influenced disability-related public policy that created equality and opportunity for all citizens in Wisconsin. While Dan lived most of his life with a disability, the full measure of who he was as a person was so much more. Dan was a superb husband, father, and grandfather—a role that brought him so much pure joy. He was affable and accessible. He was a model of human kindness, patience and forbearance.

As assigned DHS staff to the Wisconsin Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD), Dan Johnson was an incredible and valuable resource. Dan provided insight and guidance, he found answers to difficult questions and was the trusted GCPD historian. He was also a good friend.

In his honor, the GCPD will present the **Dan C. Johnson Award for Advocacy Excellence** to individuals who are Wisconsin residents, persons with a disability, and who demonstrate:

- Exemplary advocacy or service to the cause of full inclusion of people with a disability;
- Outstanding leadership in efforts to reduce barriers to inclusion;
- Exceptional achievement through research, innovative practices or contributions that promise to reduce barriers to inclusion;
- A record of superb collaboration that advances inclusion and increases understanding by the broader community of disability issues and which fosters a positive perception of the capabilities and contributions of people with a disability.

GCPD is dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of Wisconsin citizens with disabilities, advising the Governor and state agencies and legislation on issues of concern people who have disabilities. Nominations for the **Dan C. Johnson Award for Advocacy Excellence** may be submitted to the GCPD Chairperson. For more information, contact the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

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